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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A kickout flashing for directing water along an interface defined between a roof and a wall, the kickout flashing comprising:

a flat, water impervious roof portion, said roof portion including two straight edges of a substantially equal length and which intersect each other at an obtuse angle, ~~configured to be disposed on the roof,~~ and

first and second flanges extending perpendicularly from the roof portion along respective ones of said two straight edges of the roof portion and being joined to each other along a continuous joint line which extends perpendicularly with respect to the roof portion from a point at which the two straight edges intersect, with the first and second flanges also being joined to the roof portion along the full length of the respective straight edge thereof to define a continuous passage extending along an intersection of the roof portion and each of the flanges for receiving and guiding water, ~~the first and second flanges defining an obtuse angle therebetween,~~

wherein the first and second flanges have rectangular outlines of substantially equal outline and ~~are substantially equal in size~~ such that the flashing is substantially symmetric about a plane bisecting said [[the]] obtuse angle and which includes the joint line between the flanges, such that the flashing is configured to be installed in either of two alternative orientations with the flat roof portion disposed on the roof and with either one of the first and second flanges disposed against the wall and with the other flange being

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configured to direct water flowing along the passage away from the wall.

2. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein each of the flanges defines an outer surface directed away from the passage, the outer surfaces being substantially planar.

3. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the obtuse angle is between about 100 and 140 degrees.

4. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the flashing is formed of a unitary molded plastic member.

5. (currently amended) A flashing according to Claim 1, further comprising a stop extending between the first and second flanges to form a channel between the stop and ~~[[with]]~~ the roof portion.

6. (currently amended) A flashing according to Claim 5 ~~[[1]]~~ wherein the stop is parallel to the roof portion, defines a smaller area than the roof portion, and is disposed between about 1/4 and 1 inch from the roof portion.

7. (currently amended) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the roof portion defines an edge portion opposite each of the first and second flanges, the edge portions extending parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ respective ones of the intersecting straight edges ~~passage~~ to define an angle equal to the obtuse angle of the intersecting straight edges ~~flanges~~.

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9. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein each of the flanges has a height of at least about 3 inches.

10. (currently amended) A flashing assembly for directing water along an interface, the assembly comprising:

a vertical wall;

a flat roof extending in a direction which is inclined from the horizontal and perpendicular to the wall and defining the interface with the wall; and

a flashing disposed at the interface of the wall and the roof, the flashing comprising:

a flat, water impervious ~~continuous~~ roof portion disposed against the roof, said roof portion including two straight edges of substantially equal length and which intersect each other at an obtuse angle; [[and]]

first and second flanges extending perpendicularly from the roof portion along respective ones of said two straight edges of the roof portion and being joined to each other along a continuous joint line which extends perpendicularly with respect to the roof portion from a point at which the two straight edges intersect, with the first and second flanges also being joined to the roof portion along the full length of the respective straight edge thereof to define a continuous passage extending along an intersection between the roof portion and each of the flanges for receiving and guiding water,

wherein the first and second flanges have rectangular outlines of substantially equal outline and size such that the flashing is substantially symmetric about a plane bisecting said obtuse angle and which includes the joint line between the flanges,

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the first flange being disposed against the wall and the second flange defining an obtuse angle with the first flange such that the second flange is configured to direct water flowing along the passage away from the wall, and

wherein the flashing is configured to be reversibly installed in an alternative assembly having an opposite orientation such that the second flange is disposed against a wall of the alternative assembly and the first flange is configured to direct water flowing along the passage away from the wall of the alternative assembly.

11. (original) An assembly according to Claim 10, further comprising a fastener disposed to connect the flashing to at least one of the roof and the wall.

12. (original) An assembly according to Claim 10 wherein each of the flanges defines an outer surface directed away from the passage, the outer surfaces being substantially planar.

13. (original) An assembly according to Claim 10 wherein the obtuse angle is between about 100 and 140 degrees.

14. (original) An assembly according to Claim 10 wherein the flashing is formed of a unitary molded plastic member.

15. (original) An assembly according to Claim 10, further comprising a stop extending between the first and second flanges of the flashing such that the flashing defines a channel between the stop and the roof portion.

16. (original) An assembly according to Claim 15 wherein the stop is parallel to the roof portion, the stop defines a

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smaller area than the roof portion, and the stop is disposed between about 1/4 and 1 inch from the roof portion.

17. (currently amended) An assembly according to Claim 10 wherein the roof portion defines an edge portion opposite each of the first and second flanges, the edge portions extending parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ respective ones of the two straight edges ~~passage~~ to define an angle equal to the obtuse angle defined by ~~[[of]]~~ the two straight edges ~~flanges~~.

18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) An assembly according to Claim 10 wherein the passage formed between the roof portion and the first ~~second~~ flange is parallel to and adjacent the interface ~~define an edge corresponding to an edge~~ of the roof and vertical wall.

20. (original) An assembly according to Claim 10 wherein each of the flanges has a height of at least about 3 inches.

21.-25. (cancelled)

26. (new) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein said roof portion further includes two additional straight edges which extend perpendicularly from respective ones of said first mentioned two straight edges.